(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Chemical pollutants in rivers of A.P.

2812. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have necessary institutions to assist in monitoring the purity of river waters in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government are monitoring chemical pollutants in rivers in that State; and

(c) if so, the details of such steps being taken by Government to protect rivers from pollution in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board are monitoring the water quality of rivers in Andhra Pradesh under their Global Environmental Monitoring System(GEMS) and Monitoring of Indian National Aquatic Resources(MINARS) programmes since 1980. The monitoring includes analysis of physico-chemical parameters besides the physical, bacterial and biological parameters. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board is also monitoring the discharge of effluents from grossly polluting industries located along the rivers and lakes.

(c) River Godavari has been included under National River Conservation Plan in Andhra Pradesh. Pollution abatement works have been taken up in four towns namely, Rajamundry,

Ramagundam, Mancharial and Bhadrachalam at an approved cost of Rs. 51.03 crore.

Environmental clearance to A.P. proposals

2813. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many proposals of Andhra Pradesh for forestry and environmental clearance are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) the reasons for not clearing these proposals; and

(d) by when all the proposals would be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The details and status of 23 proposals pending for forestry clearance and 20 proposals pending for environmental clearance in respect of Andhra Pradesh are furnished in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(d) The Ministry is committed to clear all such proposals, which are complete in all respects within 90 days. In the case of incomplete proposals, no decision can be taken on these proposals till wanting details sought from the State Government/project authority has been received. As such no time limit can be fixed for clearance of these projects.